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Making a Difference Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) South Carolina

Hundreds of communities through out the southern states have been identified as high risk with regards to dangers of wildland fires. During the last few years, large numbers of communities through out the region are responding to make improvements against the threat of wildfires. These improvements have been possible through the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, the Healthy Forests Initiative, and the National Fire Plan.

Reports from South Carolina show it is an outstanding example of accomplishments in CWPP. South Carolina has 137 high risk communities that have been identified. The South Carolina Forestry Commission reports that 33 communities have completed protection plans and 7 communities are currently developing protections plans.

During the month of August the South Carolina Forestry Commission will conduct three CWPP workshops. There are eight additional workshops that will be conducted through the remainder of this year.

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